



## Beaverton Police Department

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# NEWS RELEASE

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## National Prescription Drug Turn-In Event

The Beaverton Police Department in a partnership with the US Drug Enforcement Administration will be providing the opportunity for you to drop off expired or unused prescription medications.

**WHEN:** Saturday, April 26, 2014  
10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

**WHERE:** Beaverton City Hall  
4755 SW Griffith Drive  
Beaverton Oregon, 97076

This initiative addresses a vital public safety and public health issue. Medicines that languish in home cabinets are highly susceptible to diversion, misuse, and abuse. Rates of prescription drug abuse in the U.S. are alarmingly high, as are the number of accidental poisonings and overdoses due to these drugs. Studies show that a majority of abused prescription drugs are obtained from family and friends, including from the home medicine cabinet. In addition, Americans are now advised that their usual methods for disposing of unused medicines—flushing them down the toilet or throwing them in the trash—both pose potential safety and health hazards.

Beaverton Police Officers will be on hand to accept unwanted medications at your driver's-side door. The service is free and anonymous -- no questions asked.

**Items Accepted:** Any unwanted prescriptions or over-the-counter medicines

**Items Not Accepted:**

- Illegal drugs
- Medical waste or trash
- Thermometers, syringes, or needles
- IV solutions, lotions, or creams
- Inhalers

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